Search for supersymmetric partners of 3rd generation quarks at CMS

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Introduction: supersymmetric partners of 3rd generation quarks

This talk will focus on

- pair production of top squarks, mostly manifesting as $t\bar{t} + p_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$
 - ▶ 0ℓ: SUS-16-049, arXiv:1707.03316, JHEP10 (2017) 005
 - ▶ 1*ℓ*: SUS-16-051, arXiv:1706.04402, JHEP10 (2017) 019
 - ▶ 2ℓ: SUS-17-001, arXiv:1711.00752, Submitted to Phys. Rev. D
- pair production of bottom squarks
 - ► SUS-16-032, arXiv:1707.07274, Submitted to Phys. Lett. B
 - Analysis considers also stop pair production with $\widetilde{t}_1 o c \widetilde{\chi}_1^0$ decays
- Use of simplified model spectra
 - Limited set of hypothetical particles and decay chains, describing a specific search channel
 - Minimal set of parameters (usually 2-4 mass parameters)
 - Generic description, results could be interpreted into other scenarios

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- Same final state also in T2bW and T2bt, where one or both *t*₁ decays to a *b* quark and a chargino (*χ*⁺₁)



Top squark pair production



- In the **T8bb** $\ell\ell\nu\nu$ model, the $\widetilde{\chi}^+_1$ decays through a slepton $(\widetilde{\ell})$ to the $\widetilde{\chi}^0_1$
- In this model, we have 100% branching ratio into dileptons, we can therefore only probe it in the 2ℓ analysis

- $\bullet\,$ Veto leptons, require two jets and $p_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}>250\,\,{\rm GeV}$
- Top and W-boson reconstruction using multivariate methods



- Highly boosted top/W: merged into one jet, using jet substructure methonds on R = 0.8 jets
- \blacktriangleright Low boost: "resolved top", using standard R=0.4 jets



$\widetilde{t}_1\bar{\widetilde{t}}_1$ pair production (0 ℓ): event categorization

- $\bullet\,$ Events with low and high $\Delta m(\widetilde{t}_1,\widetilde{\chi}_1^0)$ are very different
- Introduce two categories, mainly based on

$$M_{\rm T}({\rm b}_{1,2}, {\it E}_{\rm T}) \equiv \begin{cases} 0, & N_{\rm b} = 0, \\ m_{\rm T}({\rm b}, {\it E}_{\rm T}), & N_{\rm b} = 1, \\ {\rm Min}[m_{\rm T}({\rm b}_1, {\it E}_{\rm T}), m_{\rm T}({\rm b}_2, {\it E}_{\rm T})], & N_{\rm b} \ge 2, \end{cases}$$

- Low $\Delta m(\widetilde{t}_1,\widetilde{\chi}_1^0)$ category targets signals with compressed spectra
 - low $m_T(b_{1,2}, \not\!\!\!E)$

 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{High} \not E \text{ is caused by stop pair recoiling against ISR jet} \\ \textbf{ISR jet: large-} R \text{ jet with } p_{\mathrm{T}} > 200 \text{ GeV, fails } b\text{-tagging} \end{array}$

- High $\Delta m(\widetilde{t}_1,\widetilde{\chi}^0_1)$ category targets signals with high mass splittings
 - high $m_T(b_{1,2}, \not\!\!E)$
 - Extensive use of top and W-tagging algorithms

$\widetilde{t}_1\overline{\widetilde{t}}_1$ pair production (0 ℓ): signal regions

Main backgrounds:

- $t\bar{t}$ and W+jets with lost lepton
- Z+jets and $t\bar{t}Z$ with $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$



+ more SR for 0 and 1 b-jet categories

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- Exactly one charged lepton
- $\bullet \ge 2$ jets
- ullet \geq 1 b-tag
- $p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}} > 250 \; \mathrm{GeV}$
- $M_T > 150$ GeV, for $t\bar{t}(1\ell)$ and W+jets, only p_T^{miss} source is neutrino so those backgrounds are bound by Wmass
- Minimum $\Delta \phi(j, p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}}) > 0.8$

For compressed region (requiring 1 ISR jet to provide p_T^{miss}):

- ≥ 5 jets
- leading jet not b-tagged
- Minimum $\Delta \phi(j, p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}}) > 0.5$
- $\Delta \phi(j,\ell) < 2$
- Lepton $p_{\rm T} < 150~{\rm GeV}$

$\widetilde{t}_1\bar{\widetilde{t}}_1$ pair production (1 ℓ): signal regions

Categorization in

- $p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}}$ and number of jets
- $M_{\ell b}$ (invariant mass of the lepton and its closest b-jet in ΔR)
- Modified topness (using $\vec{p}_{T}^{miss} = \vec{p}_{T,W} + \vec{p}_{T,\nu}$)

$$a_{\text{mod}} = \ln(\min S)$$
, with $S(\vec{p}_{\text{W}}, p_z, v) = \frac{(m_{\text{W}}^2 - (p_v + p_\ell)^2)^2}{a_{\text{W}}^4} + \frac{(m_{\text{t}}^2 - (p_b + p_{\text{W}})^2)^2}{a_{\text{t}}^4}$



$\widetilde{t}_1 \bar{\widetilde{t}}_1$ pair production (1 ℓ): results





Pre-selections:

- Two oppositely-charged leptons
- Veto on additional loose leptons
- Two jets or more, with a least one b-tagged
- Veto on $|m_{ll} m_Z| < 15$ GeV for same-flavour events
- Require $p_{\rm T}^{\rm miss} > 80 \,\,{\rm GeV}$
- Additional requirements on $p_{T}^{miss}/\sqrt{H_T}$ and $\Delta \phi(j, p_{T}^{miss})$ in order to reject further DY events with jet mismeasurements

How to get rid of $t\bar{t}$ background in 2ℓ analysis? • In $W \to \ell\nu$ events, the missing momentum coincidences with the neutrino \Rightarrow from the transverse missing momentum \vec{p}_T^{miss} we can derive the transverse mass m_T which is bound by the W mass: $m_T < m_W$



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- So the minimization over all possible values, $M_{T2}(\ell \ell)$, is also bound by the W mass

$$M_{T2}(\ell\ell) = \min_{\vec{p}_{T1}^{\rm miss} + \vec{p}_{T2}^{\rm miss} = \vec{p}_{T}^{\rm miss}} \left(\max\left[M_{T}(\vec{p}_{T}^{\ell 1}, \vec{p}_{T1}^{\rm miss}), M_{T}(\vec{p}_{T}^{\ell 2}, \vec{p}_{T2}^{\rm miss}) \right] \right)$$



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- Invisible particles, like dark matter would add additional \tilde{p}_{T}^{miss} to the event, and breaks the bound



• For both same-flavor and opposite-flavor dilepton events, we construct signal regions in categories of $M_{T2}(\ell\ell)$, $M_{T2}(b\ell b\ell)$ and p_T^{miss} variables



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	>200	SR5	SR11	

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$\widetilde{t}_1\bar{\widetilde{t}}_1$ pair production (2 ℓ): Use of control regions



Control regions for Drell-Yan and multibosons: same-flavor events with $|m_{ll} - m_Z| < 15$ GeV and 0 b-jets



Control region for $t\bar{t}Z$: 3ℓ events

$\widetilde{t}_1\overline{\widetilde{t}}_1$ pair production (2 ℓ): Results: signal region yields

- Signal region are split up in same-flavor and opposite-flavor events
- Very good agreement in each of the 26 signal regions
- No significant excess in any of the bins



$\widetilde{t_1}\overline{\widetilde{t}_1}$ pair production (2 ℓ): Results



Combining $0\ell + 1\ell + 2\ell$

• The 2ℓ search can be statistically combined with the previous discussed all-jet and semileptonic searches



$\tilde{t}_1\bar{\tilde{t}}_1$ pair production (2 ℓ): Results for $T8bb\ell\ell\nu\nu$



Intermediate mass parameters according to $m_{\tilde{\ell}} = x \cdot (m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^+} - m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}) + m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$

- high momentum for the $\widetilde{\chi}^0_1$
- high p_T^{miss} and $M_{T2}(\ell \ell)$ in the event
- therefore easy to exclude stop masses up to 1.35 TeV

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$$x = 0.5$$

excludes stop masses up to 1.2 TeV

• x = 0.05

- low momentum for the $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$
- relatively low $M_{T2}(\ell \ell)$
- excludes stop masses up to 400 GeV



Bottom and charm decays: search strategy

- Search for direct bottom squark pair or top squark pair production in final states with *b* and *c* jets
- Analysis divided in two categories
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 - ▶ Compressed spectra for $\Delta m(\tilde{b}/\tilde{t},\tilde{\chi}_1^0) < 100 \text{ GeV}$





Non-compressed

- Two leading jets are *b*-tagged
- Search regions binned in ${\cal H}_T$ and boosted-corrected contransverse mass ${\cal M}_{CT}$ defined as

$$M_{CT}^2(j_1, j_2) = 2p_{\rm T}(j_1)p_{\rm T}(j_2)\left(1 + \cos\Delta\phi(j_1, j_2)\right)$$

which has endpoint at $(m_{\widetilde{b}_1}^2-m_{\widetilde{\chi}_1^0}^2)/m_{\widetilde{b}_1}$

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Compressed

- Require ISR jet
- Binning in H_T , N_b , N_c , N_{SV}

Bottom and charm decays: result



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- \bullet Several third generation analyses performed using 2016 LHC data, amounting to 36 fb^{-1}
- Analysis techniques and selections improved (i.e. boosted objects, better use of transeverse mass variables $M_{T2}(\ell\ell),\ldots$), resulting in a greater sensitivity
- Putting stronger limits on **top squark pair** and **bottom squark pair** production, reaching beyond 1 TeV for some models

Backup slides

- Dark matter (DM) model where the DM candidate χ interacts with Standard Model particles through a scalar mediator a or pseudoscalar mediator ϕ
- $\bullet\,$ Mediator coupling to quark $\propto m_q,$ therefore favors coupling to top quark
- Same final state as in the top squark 2ℓ analysis



When interpreting the stop 2ℓ search in a dark matter model, we are able to put the **first limits** on dark matter production in the dileptonic $t\bar{t}$ channel:



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For a scalar mediator, first analusis to exclude scalar mediator masses for $m_{\chi}=1~{\rm GeV}$



Limits are also calculated for higher values of m_{χ}

		Scalar		Pseudoscalar	
m_{χ} (GeV)	$m_{\phi/a}$ (GeV)	Expected	Observed	Expected	Observed
1	10	$0.54^{+0.25}_{-0.16}$	0.70	$1.01^{+0.49}_{-0.32}$	0.81
1	20	$0.56\substack{+0.26\\-0.17}$	0.53	$1.02^{+0.49}_{-0.32}$	0.81
1	50	$0.67^{+0.32}_{-0.21}$	0.59	$1.14^{+0.55}_{-0.36}$	0.91
1	100	$1.04\substack{+0.48\\-0.32}$	0.90	$1.33^{+0.65}_{-0.42}$	1.08
1	200	$2.30^{+1.11}_{-0.72}$	1.87	$2.02^{+1.01}_{-0.64}$	1.64
1	300	$4.8^{+2.3}_{-1.5}$	3.8	$3.7^{+1.8}_{-1.2}$	2.9
1	500	$21.6^{+10.9}_{-6.9}$	17.4	$21.0^{+10.4}_{-6.7}$	16.9
10	10	$18.8^{+8.8}_{-5.8}$	16.6	$19.3^{+9.3}_{-6.1}$	15,3
10	15	$17.0^{+8.0}_{-5.2}$	13.8	$15.8^{+7.6}_{-5.0}$	12.7
10	50	$0.72^{+0.33}_{-0.22}$	0.69	$1.08\substack{+0.52\\-0.34}$	0.86
10	100	$1.03\substack{+0.48\\-0.32}$	0.84	$1.25^{+0.61}_{-0.39}$	0.98
50	10	125^{+61}_{-39}	102	72^{+36}_{-23}	58
50	50	104_33	84	62+30	49
50	95	52+25	43	$20.3^{+10.0}_{-6.4}$	16.2
50	200	$2.32^{+1.14}_{-0.73}$	1.86	$2.05^{+1.02}_{-0.64}$	1.64
50	300	$4.7^{+2.3}_{-1.5}$	3.8	3.7+1.9	3.0